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Matthew 28:19-20

MINISTRY BRIEFS



• Dr. W.B. Lewis was recently named a "Shining Light" by GBSC President Howard W. Parker. Dr. Lewis has served forty-seven years as pastor of Raleigh's First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church. A former GBSC president, he is also the first recipient of the Presidential "Shining Light" Citation of the Parker administration. This honor is reserved for individuals who greatly impact their church or community. (Nominees may be addressed to President Parker at GBSC Headquarters, located at 603 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, N.C. 27601).



• The Rev. Wayne Hines celebrated his thirty-second pastoral anniversary at Bunn Chapel Baptist Church in Nashville, N.C. on Sunday, March 20th.



• The Rev. Malcolm R.K. Brown and First Lady Melinda Brown celebrated their seventh pastoral anniversary at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Waco, N.C. on Sunday, March 20th.

• The Rev. Scott McDowell was installed as the pastor of Cedar Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Scotland Neck, N.C. on Sunday, March 20th.

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"Clean Audit" Presented at February GBSC Meeting

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Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II
Chairman of the GBSC
General Board

The General Board has received the 2009-10 fiscal year audit report from the Raleigh accounting firm of McMillan and Pate, LLP. For the fifth consecutive year, The General Baptist State Convention has received an "unqualified audit opinion."

Mrs. Angela W. Banask, Senior Partner with

McMillan Pate, appeared before the General Board in February to make the audit report and to congratulate the Convention on its audit review and to report the company's findings. Mrs. Banask reported that, even in the face of a strained national economy, that the GBSC actually increased its income in the past fiscal year. Mrs. Banask indicated that this increase should be interpreted as a vote of confidence in the GBSC's management.

An "unqualified audit opinion" basically states that the auditor feels the company has followed all the accounting rules appropriately and that the financial reports are an accurate reflection of the company's financial condition. It is also referred to as a "clean audit."

Shaw President Takes to Airways: Biodiesel, Health Research and Beyond

Press Reports



WSHA, Shaw University's radio station, recently began "Conversations ... A Moment With Shaw University President Dr. Irma McClaurin." The ongoing series will air the third Wednesday of every month.

In the first installment of the program, Dr. McClaurin will discussed her leadership

goals and vision for Shaw University, and the role of students in the future growth of the university. She also discussed the Biodiesel and Canola Research Project in Bertie County led by Dr. Deva Sharma, and the university's Community Health Partnership Research Project in Jamaica which is headed by Dr. Helen Asemota.

Upcoming installments of the show will highlight the various programs and success stories at Shaw as well as delve into short-term and long-range plans for the university, a traditionally black educational institution founded in 1865. It is the oldest historically black university in the south.

WSHA-FM can be found at 88.9 on the FM dial and is streamed live on the Internet at www.shawu.edu/wsha.

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Dr. Audrey Battle, President

ATTENTION:

**Annual Retreat
Coming in May
The Annual Ministers'
Wives & Widows Retreat
will be held May 13-14
at the Seatrail Resort in
Sunset Beach, N.C.**

All registrations include buffet breakfast, lunch and overnight accommodations. Pre-registration is \$100 per person for double occupancy and \$148 per person for single occupancy. On-site registration is \$110 (doubles) and \$155 (singles).

Attendees for Saturday-only will pay \$60 for pre-registration; \$65 for on-site. The fee will include breakfast and lunch.

Retreat highlights will include shopping at Tanger Outlets, facials, manicures and dinner at the Boundary House for early arrivals. The resort is located at 75 A Clubhouse Road, Sunset Beach, N.C. (910) 287-1178 or (800) 408-7245.

Women's Annual Session in July The 127th Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina

will be held July 24-28 at the Raleigh
Convention Center.

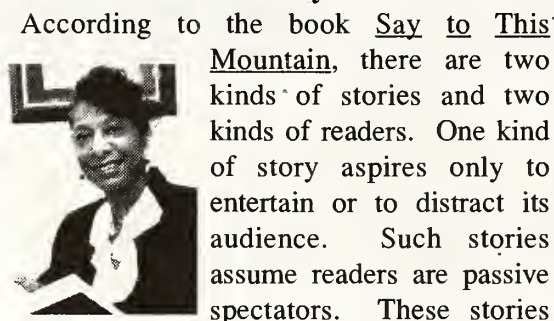
Hotel accommodations may be made at the Marriott City Center Hotel, 500 Fayetteville St., Raleigh, NC 27601, (919) 833-1120 and the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, 421 S. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27601, (919) 834-9900.

Conference registration forms are
available at www.wbhfm.org.

For additional information, please contact the
office at (919) 833-4823.

From Lent to Easter

By Dr. Linda Bryan,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer



According to the book *Say to This Mountain*, there are two kinds of stories and two kinds of readers. One kind of story aspires only to entertain or to distract its audience. Such stories assume readers are passive spectators. These stories

could be movies, political speeches, news media, etc. They maintain an essential distance between the performance and the audience.

The second type of story tends not to entertain or to distract but in fact intends to change its audience. According to the writer, this kind of story invites spectators to become "spectactors", a term coined by Augusto Boal which means those who are so engaged by a story that they want to become part of the story. Spec actors are open to allowing the story to challenge their own life-scripts, to let the story "read them".

The season of lent leading up to the Easter event is an invitation to become part of the story. It is a time to allow ourselves to be challenged by the story as well as let the story read us. It is not the time for entertainment or distracting the audience, nor is it the time for read-

ers of the story to be passive spectators. Many of us are accustomed to reading the story but not allowing the story to read us.

For many years, most of us who are of the Baptist tradition, had not as much as heard of Ash Wednesday or the season of Lent. It was thought of as a high church ritual, unknowingly giving up our right to empty our plates of a year's worth of buildup. Since those years, we have grappled with these terms and have come to realize they are not about tradition but about penitence and renewal.

This season of Lent invites us to the table of self reflection, removing the fig leaves, and bearing all before the Lord. It is not only an invitation to revisit the biblical text that gives of the painful story of Christ's passion, death, burial and His powerful resurrection, it is as well a call to visit biblical texts that will aid us in application of the meaning of the season.

The season calls us to revisit such texts as Joel 2:12-13 "Even now", declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart, not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love..."

In this season of Lent leading to Easter, we are challenged to allow the text to read us while we read the text. Let us respond to the text with a listening ear, renewed priorities, rest, restoration, and a fresh love for Christ and the people of God.

Dr. Goatley's Open Letter: "We Need Your Prayers"

Rev. David E. Goatley, Ph.D
Lott Carey

Dear Lott Carey Partner:

I write to solicit your prayers for important and innovative work that we are doing for Haiti. Your generosity during the last year has enabled



us to respond effectively after the January 2010 earthquake centered at Leogane, the city of one of the churches we support. We supported first responders and rescuers. We connected medical personnel to volunteer opportunities. We gave cash grants and food grants to families. We provided food for hospital patients by purchasing crops from farmers, paying caterers to cook, and delivering fresh and nutritious meals to the St. Nicholas Hospital in St. Marc. We have provided pastoral care support for pastors and their fami-

lies. We funded a summer camp for youth impacted by the devastation. We funded water and sanitation solutions in response to the cholera epidemic. We deployed pastoral teams to listen, learn, encourage, and pray. We helped churches invest in housing solutions.

Additionally, we are part of the African-American Baptist Mission Collaboration where Lott Carey; National Baptist Convention, USA; National Baptist Convention of America; National Missionary Baptist Convention of America; and Progressive National Baptist Convention are linking resources to amplify our impact in Haiti. Among our deliverables are pledging and paying \$1 Million to provide temporary and permanent housing solutions in Haiti in partnership with Habitat for Humanity International in less than 10 months from forming the Collaboration. Additionally, we are providing staffing that will plan and manage short-term missions assignments to Haiti beginning the second half of 2011 and forward.

Now, here is the
new initiative for which (Continued on page 4)

End Hunger to End Gender Disparities

By Bishop Don Williams

Like African-American History Month, Women's History Month, celebrated in March, comes and goes each year with much pomp and circumstance, only to be followed by 11 months of near silence on the issues. I'm grateful for how far women have come, but for all of their achievements and numerous responsibilities, women in the United States still suffer disproportionately from hunger and poverty. This year, let's continue the momentum through the other 11 months—let's find ways to help reduce the gender disparities that cause women to suffer disproportionately from poverty and hunger.

In the United States, many more women than ever before are now supporting themselves and their families on their own—a task made even more difficult when you consider that they are still not being compensated equally in the workplace and continue to experience greater economic insecurity than men. Even more ironic, women are now more likely than men to attend college, but a degree does not guarantee economic stability or gender equality.

Data from the National Women's Law Center show that in 2009, U.S. women who worked full-time, year-round, earned 77 percent of what their male counterparts earned.

Gender disparities can lead to tough economic and food security situations for women. Among households with children, 29.9 percent of those led by a single mother suffer from poverty, compared to 16.9 percent of single-father households. As hunger and poverty are closely related, single female-led households with children experience food insecurity at a rate almost 10 percentage points higher than those led by a single man. Women are also more likely than men to participate in safety-net programs such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)—the federal program designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency. Women make up 57.3 percent of the participants in SNAP (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly food stamps), although they are only 50.7 percent of the population.

The statistics are more alarming for African-American women, who experience poverty at an even greater rate than African-American men—let alone the general U.S. population. In fact, at 27.4 percent, the percent-

age of African-American women living in poverty in the United States is almost twice as high as the percentage of all U.S. women in poverty (15.6 percent). It is worth noting that the U.S. poverty line is \$21,756 per year for a family of four—hardly enough for one person to live on comfortably, let alone a family with children. These figures also do not count the millions of people living just above the poverty line, who also struggle to provide for their families. These are our neighbors, our peers, and even our colleagues. Their poverty is unnecessary in a country with the resources of the United States.

The numbers are grim here, but economic inequality is even more pronounced in the developing world. Seventy percent of people who suffer from hunger and poverty around the world are women. Around the globe, women's hunger and poverty are compounded by inequalities in education, political participation, and access to basic health services. If we truly want to make a difference for hungry people, we must confront the disparities that render women less able to provide for themselves and their families and ultimately to achieve more in their lives.

Whether you are a woman or a man, I urge you to think about these issues. If we end income and economic disparities between women and men, we will be well on our way to ensuring that people around the world have enough to eat. I encourage you to call attention to inequality in your local community, your country, and around the world. Let your lawmakers know that injustices towards women impact us all.

Bishop Don DiXon Williams is a racial/ethnic outreach associate at Bread for the World, and bishop of ecumenical and political affairs at United Way of the Cross Church of Christ, Danville, VA.

Asthma Sufferers Need Help with Inhalers, study shows

From Press Reports

Fewer than one in 10 children with asthma use traditional inhalers correctly, according to a new study from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

While children have more success with newer inhaler designs, at best only one child in four gets it completely right, according to the findings published online last month in the journal, *Pediatrics*.

Asthma is the most common chronic condition among American children. Related health-care costs are estimated at more than \$6 billion a year, and lost productivity costs associated with working parents caring for children who miss school are estimated at \$1 billion a year.

Researchers led by Betsy Sleath, Ph.D., at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy studied 296 North Carolina patients aged 8 to 16 years old who used four different devices to manage their asthma. The devices were:

- * the metered-dose inhaler (commonly called a puffer);
- * the diskus, a dry-powder inhaler delivering Advair;

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Pastoral Vacancy For Spring Street Missionary Baptist Church

Physical Address: 511 Orange Street
Henderson, North Carolina 27536

Mailing Address: PO Box 861
Henderson, North Carolina 27536

Telephone: 252-492-3992

All interested candidates applying for the office of Pastor must be:

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- Be versatile and able to effectively relate to a diverse age congregation; emphasizing evangelism, discipleship, spiritual growth and development
- Submit a resume, letter of interest, biographical sketch and letters of recommendation to the pastoral search committee at the above address.

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• The **Rev. Dr. Clyde Walton**, retired pastor of Big Ruin Creek Baptist Church, was honored on his 88th birthday on March, 20th following morning worship at the church in Henderson, N.C.



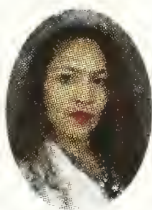
• The **Rev. Osco E. Gardin, Jr.** celebrated his fifteenth pastoral anniversary at Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church in Monroe, N.C. on Sunday, March 27th.

• The **Rev. John O. Veasey, Jr.** celebrated his fifth pastoral anniversary at First Baptist Missionary in Wilmington, N.C. on Sunday, March 27th.

• The Rev. Selma S. Hunter, GBSC Finance Officer, and **Mrs. Darcelle McNeill**, book-keeping clerk, received a com-



Rev. Selma Hunter



Mrs. Darcelle McNeill

mendation in response to the audit report presented to the General Board in February. Dr. Haywood T. Gray (GBSC Executive Secretary-Treasurer) commended the Convention's book-keeping staff for professionalism in making a fifth "clean" audit possible. "I don't think many people realize how much actually goes into making our accountability model work at Baptist Headquarters," he said.

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we need your prayers. The African-American Baptist Mission Collaboration has enlarged its reach to invite the African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and Church of God in Christ to partner with several Haitian-American and Haitian advocacy groups to work on developing a coherent and compelling advocacy agenda for Haiti. In March, some 60 African-American, Haitian-American and Haitian leaders will convene in Washington, DC for a Summit on Advocacy for Haiti. This is an unprecedented collaboration among African-American Christians and the Haitian Diaspora.

Please pray that God's Spirit will give us wisdom to discern the agenda that we should advance in the United States and throughout the international community. We have the opportunity to engage in "game changing" work that can help Haiti develop a safe, strong, and secure future for itself and its region.

Contact **Rev. Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley** at degoatley@aol.com



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City of Greensboro and the State of North Carolina Receive over \$5.6 million in Federal Funding

Press Reports

GREENSBORO – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today announced two grants to control lead hazards in privately-owned homes in North Carolina. HUD announced the award of a \$3,100,000 million grant to the City of Greensboro to control lead hazards in hundreds of Greensboro's older homes and a \$2,596,543 grant to the State of North Carolina to remediate lead hazards in homes in six communities across North Carolina. As a result of this funding, the homes of North Carolina families will be healthier and safer.

The HUD funding awarded to the City of Greensboro will support the City's Lead Hazard Control Program for evaluating and remediating lead hazards in 205 homes; and educating over 63,000 individuals in lead poisoning prevention issues. The City will address healthy homes hazards in 86 of these homes and conduct 18 training sessions in lead hazard remediation.

The State of North Carolina will partner with

the communities of Durham, Wilmington, Goldsboro, Asheville, Forsyth County, and Craven County to remediate lead hazards in 146 homes occupied by low- and very-low income families with children under six years old. As a part of this award, the State will conduct 82 education/outreach events and train 105 individuals.

"The grants we're awarding today will literally save the lives of hundreds of children," said Jon Gant, Director of HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control. "With these grants, HUD is committing to make homes healthy and safe for North Carolina's families and their children. Today, we take a step closer to making childhood lead poisoning a thing of the past."

Chris Stearns, NC Field Office Director recognized the commitment of NC communities to address lead hazards, and said, "These HUD grant awards to the City of Greensboro and the State of North Carolina demonstrate HUD's commitment to control housing-related environmental health and safety hazards and improve the health of families and children. We congratulate the City and the State for supporting this critical effort to create healthy, safe and affordable housing."

The City of Greensboro applauded HUD for expanding the reach of its Lead Hazard Control Program. "Keeping the families of our community safe and healthy is a top priority to the City of Greensboro," said Mayor William H. Knight. "We're appreciative of HUD's generous and continued commitment to our efforts to reduce and

eliminate lead-based paint and other health and safety threats in our city."

Terry Pierce, Director of the NC Division of Environmental Health in the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources also acknowledged the critical needs that the grant will address, saying, "I am honored to accept this award on behalf of the many North Carolinians who will benefit from having their homes protected from lead poisoning hazards. Lead identification, elimination and education are key components to ensuring all North Carolinians live in safe, healthy environments. Using this funding, the state's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program will work with partners across North Carolina to make homes healthy environments in which children can live, learn and grow."

HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination; and transform the way HUD does business. More information about HUD and its programs is available on the Internet at www.hud.gov and espanol.hud.gov

President and First Lady Call For a United Effort to Address Bullying

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The President and First Lady recently called for a united effort to address bullying at the White House Conference on Bullying Prevention. Approximately 150 students, parents, teachers, non-profit leaders, advocates, and policymakers came together to discuss how they can work together to make our schools and communities safe for all students.

"If there's one goal of this conference, it's to dispel the myth that bullying is just a harmless rite of passage or an inevitable part of growing up. It's not," said President Obama. "Bullying can have destructive consequences for our young people. And it's not something we have to accept. As parents and students; teachers and

communities, we can take steps that will help prevent bullying and create a climate in our schools in which all of our children can feel safe."

"As parents, this issue really hits home for us. It breaks our hearts to think that any child feels afraid every day in the classroom, on the playground, or even online," First Lady Michelle Obama said. "I hope that all of you – and everyone watching online – will walk away from this conference with new ideas and solutions that you can take back to your own schools and communities."

Every day, thousands of children, teens, and young adults around the country are bullied. Estimates are that nearly one-third of all school-aged children are bullied each year - upwards of 13 million students. Students involved in bullying are more likely to have challenges in school, to abuse drugs and alcohol, and to have health and mental health issues. If we fail to address bullying we put ourselves at a disadvantage for increasing academic achievement and making sure all of our students are college and career ready.

The conference encouraged schools, communities, and the private sector to join together to combat bullying. The White House also highlighted private, non-profit, and federal commitments to bullying prevention.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Historic Coastal City Hosts Annual Session

New Bern, North Carolina, the oldest town in the state and the first state capital, will be the site of the 2011 Mid Year Session of the General Baptist State Convention.

The session will open at noon on Tuesday, May 3 and close around noon on Wednesday, May 4 at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center in the city's downtown district. Hotels with negotiated rates for the GBSC will be announced soon.

Laymen Prepare for Fall Workshop

The 15th Annual Walter Cade Jr. Workshop, presented by the National Baptist Laymen, will be held September 23-25 at the Best Western Hotel in High Point, N.C.

A workshop package will include two nights lodging, registration and five "Southern" meals for \$160 per person for a double occupancy and \$225 for singles. Additional meal tickets will be available for children at half-price.

For details about the conference and/or the Souvenir Journal, contact Michael E. Bodie, housing chairperson, at (336) 886-3397 or James Simon, advertising chairperson, at (336) 884-0169. Early registrations are encouraged since participants will be coming from North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Online registrations are available at www.templememorial.com.

OTHER EVENTS

GBSC Laymen's One Day Session Banquet, April 1.
Bear Creek Baptist Association Headquarters, Goldsboro, N.C.

GBSC Laymen's One Day Session, April 2. Bear Creek Baptist Association Headquarters, Goldsboro, N.C.

GBSC Ushers Executive Board Meeting, April 2, at Mount Peace Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C.

WBH&FMC Statewide Leaders Workshop, April 9,
at Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C.

Shaw University Baccalaureate Worship Service,
May 6 in Boyd Chapel, Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C.

Shaw University Board of Trustees Meeting May 6,
in President's Conference Room, Estey Hall,
Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C.

Shaw University Commencement, May 7.
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WBH&FMC Eastern Regional Summit, May 21.
Location TBA.

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- Must be willing to teach and follow the Baptist Doctrines, policies and practices
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- Must possess excellent moral and ethical conduct
- Must be able to work cooperatively with church officials
- Must attend Sunday School regularly

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* the turbuhaler, a dry-powder inhaler delivering Pulmicort or Symbicort; and

* the peak-flow meter, which does not deliver a drug but is used to measure lung function to determine if medicine is needed.

Only 8.1 percent of children in the study performed all of the metered-dose inhaler steps correctly. Older children were more likely than younger children to get more of the metered-dose inhaler steps correct. With a diskus, 21.9 percent of children performed all steps correctly, and 15.6 percent performed all of the turbuhaler steps correctly. Children using a peak-flow meter did so correctly 23.9 percent of the time.

The researchers also found that the majority of health-care providers who participated in the study (41 providers at five clinics) did not demonstrate or assess children's use of the four devices during pediatric asthma visits.

"It is crucial that health-care providers not only

show a child how to use an inhaler correctly but also have the child demonstrate the device in front of a physician or pharmacist," Sleath said. "Pediatric practices are extremely busy places so we need innovative ways to demonstrate and assess device technique among asthmatic children."

Improper use of inhalers and other asthma medication devices can lead to poor control of the condition, more hospitalizations and increased health-care costs, she said.

Previous studies have noted the need for providers to demonstrate and make sure children understand proper techniques for using asthma medication and monitoring devices. In 2007, a National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute expert panel report on the diagnosis and management of asthma encouraged providers to educate children on these techniques.

Sleath is the George H. Cocolas Distinguished Professor and chair of the School's pharmaceutical out-

comes and policy division. UNC study co-authors are Stephanie Davis, M.D., associate professor in pediatrics in the School of Medicine; Karin Yeatts, Ph.D., research assistant professor in the Gillings School of Global Public Health; and associate professor Dennis Williams, Pharm.D., and graduate students Chris Gillette and Deidre Washington of the pharmacy school. Additional co-authors are Guadalupe X. Ayala, Ph.D., associate professor in the Graduate School of Public Health at San Diego State University, and Gail Tudor, Ph.D., professor and director of institutional research at Husson University in Bangor, Maine.

The study, titled "Provider Demonstration and Assessment of Child Device Technique During Pediatric Asthma Visits," was funded by the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute. The project was also supported in part by a grant from the National Center of Research Resources, National Institutes of Health.

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Hotel accommodations are available through the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, located at 777 Waterside Drive. Rooms (single/double/quad) are \$79 per night plus applicable taxes. Reservations must be made at

least 30 days prior to your arrival by calling 1-800-627-8042 or the hotel directly at (757) 622-6664. Those interested in reservations may identify themselves as "The Lott Carey Group."

The Executive Board Meeting will be held 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, April 29. All churches, organizations and donors who contribute \$1,000 or more have one seat on the Executive Board to assist in shaping the direction of Lott Carey's global missions agenda.

The on-site registration is \$35 per person. The host church is located at 418 East Bute Street, Norfolk. For details, call (757) 622-6701 or visit www.firstbaptistnorfolk.org.

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